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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, line 4, before the heading, "Field of the Invention", insert the following paragraph:

Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/267,306, filed on March 12, 1999, the specification of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 1, with the paragraph, as amended, below. Applicant has enclosed a marked-up version of the below-amended paragraph in the appendix entitled "Marked-Up Version of the Amended Specification Paragraph".

In one example, the ICD 300 senses cardiac signals from the heart 320. When the ICD 300 detects the occurrence of an arrhythmic event, the ICD 300 analyzes the sensed arrhythmic complexes (*i.e.*, the cardiac signals) of the arrhythmic event. In one embodiment, the ICD analyzes and compares the sensed arrhythmic complexes with respect to the NSR template to assess the origin of a cardiac arrhythmia (*e.g.*, determining a ventricular tachycardia (VT) versus a supraventricular tachycardia (SVT). Based on the comparison, the ICD 300 is able to distinguish SVT events from VT events and, depending upon the ICD's classification of the arrhythmic event, to provide appropriate therapy to treat the heart 320. Some methods useful for

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distinguishing SVT events from VT events are presented in U.S. Patent No. 6,223,078, entitled "Discrimination of Supraventricular Tachycardia and Ventricular Tachycardia Events," the specification of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

REMARKS

The specification is amended to add a cross reference to the prior application. No new matter is added by way of these amendments.

The Applicant respectfully requests that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marked-Up Version of the Amended Specification Paragraph

**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR VERIFYING THE INTEGRITY OF NORMAL SINUS
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Specific amendments to the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 1 are as follows:

In one example, the ICD 300 senses cardiac signals from the heart 320. When the ICD 300 detects the occurrence of an arrhythmic event, the ICD 300 analyzes the sensed arrhythmic complexes (*i.e.*, the cardiac signals) of the arrhythmic event. In one embodiment, the ICD analyzes and compares the sensed arrhythmic complexes with respect to the NSR template to assess the origin of a cardiac arrhythmia (*e.g.*, determining a ventricular tachycardia (VT) versus a supraventricular tachycardia (SVT). Based on the comparison, the ICD 300 is able to distinguish SVT events from VT events and, depending upon the ICD's classification of the arrhythmic event, to provide appropriate therapy to treat the heart 320. Some methods useful for distinguishing SVT events from VT events are presented in [U.S. Patent Application Serial Number _____] U.S. Patent No. 6,223,078, entitled "Discrimination of Supraventricular Tachycardia and Ventricular Tachycardia Events[" which is filed on the same day as the instant U.S. Patent application and that] ," the specification of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.